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New Aquino Fellows

The head of a non-governmental organization which has been a force in strengthening professionalism in Philippine journalism and the head of the largest cooperative federation in the Visayas region have been awarded the Benigno S. Aquino, Jr. Fellowships for Professional Development for 2000.

Melinda Quintos de Jesus, chief executive of the Center for Media and Responsibility in Manila, and Edgar V. Comeros, chief executive of the Visayas Cooperative Development Center in Cebu, received the awards from former President Corazon C. Aquino and U.S. Ambassador Thomas Hubbard in a March 9 ceremony.

The awards will provide Quintos and Comeros an opportunity to visit the United States on International Visitor Program grants funded by the U.S. Government. Each will have about a month for U.S. travel and professional consultations in areas of interest to them. The goal of the annual program, named in honor of Mrs. Aquino's late husband, is to allow the grantees a chance to make or renew contacts in the United States and exchange experiences with counterparts in their chosen fields.

"Our two Fellows this year come from different genders, different regions, and different professions, but they have much in common, and Senator Benigno Aquino would be impressed with each as a concerned citizen and a leader," Ambassador Hubbard remarked during the awards ceremony.



Ambassador Thomas Hubbard and Mrs. Corazon Aquino with Ms. de Jesus and Mr. Comeros.

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USIS Has New Name, New Center



U.S. Ambassador Thomas Hubbard speaks at the opening of the new TJIC.

If you call the U.S. Embassy, don't ask for USIS. Instead, ask for the new Public Affairs Section.

That's right. The familiar letters USIS are no more. On October 1, 1999, the United States Information Service -- the agency known worldwide for its information, cultural, and educational programs -- merged with the Department of State.

The change was brought about by Congressional passage of the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998. The goal of the legislation was to consolidate the conduct of foreign affairs and bring the work of USIS closer to the center of U.S. policy formulation. Under the new law, USIS (and

its parent agency, the U.S. Information Agency) is now officially the Bureau of Public Diplomacy within the Department of State.

In a message read at the USIS closing ceremony in Washington, DC, President Bill Clinton said that the employees of USIS "have served with distinction around the world as personal emissaries of America and the values we cherish...sowing the seeds of peace, security and prosperity for our nation and our world." In her remarks at the same ceremony, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said: "Today we mark the birth of a new State Department, bolstered by the

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Civic Education Conference A Success

On October 5-6, 1999 the Public Affairs Section of the American Embassy (formerly USIS) sponsored "Civic Education in the Philippines: Challenges and Opportunities in the Next Millennium," a simultaneous, three-city Civitas Philippines conference. It was held in cooperation with the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS), the Philippine Commission on Human Rights

(CHR) and three host universities (the University of Asia and the Pacific in Manila; the University of San Jose-Recoletos in Cebu; and the Ateneo de Davao University in Mindanao).

Three U.S. speakers addressed issues of democracy and civic education at the separate conference venues: Mr. Ron Morris, Coordinator of International Programs

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Thomas Jefferson Info Center Opens

The recently opened Thomas Jefferson Information Center (TJIC) is located on the ground floor of the Annex Building on the U.S. Embassy grounds on Roxas Boulevard. It replaces the Thomas Jefferson library housed for many years in Makati.

The facilities and services of the new center reflect the transformation of USIS libraries worldwide from traditional libraries into information resource centers. TJIC taps the rapidly changing technology to bring up-to-date, reliable information about the United States to Filipinos. It identifies and selectively disseminates information on important U.S. issues, utilizing the most efficient and cost-effective technology and delivery systems in the service of public diplomacy. It also expands the range of options for retrieving, packaging and delivering information and provides improved access to a wide range of information sources: print, CD-ROM and online resources. TJIC facilities include a multi-purpose room and "Worldnet" satellite TV and digital video conferencing (DVC) connections. A home page is maintained at <http://usembassy.state.gov/posts/rp1/www3007.html>.

TJIC is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays to serve those who need information about the United

States. Admission is by appointment.

A staff of professional librarians provides reference and outreach services by phone, fax, e-mail and post. For inquiries regarding admission, services and collection, or to arrange a visit to TJIC, please contact the staff via telephone 526-8295 (direct line) and 523-1001 extensions 3561, 2553 and 2558; fax 525-0432 and 522-1608; and e-mail tjic@usia.gov.

The TJIC staff prepares bibliographies

which list materials on current issues gathered from Internet sources, periodicals and government documents. Copies of these bibliographies are available upon request. Please contact Brinerdine Alejandrino at telephone: 526-8295; fax: (632) 525-0432; e-mail: bgatjcc@usia.gov.

Special bibliographies currently available cover such issues as Biotechnology; Islam in America; and Trafficking of Women and Children.



The newly opened, high-tech TJIC in the Embassy's Annex Building

Civitas Conference

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at the Center for Civic Education in Calabasas, California (Manila); Ms. Barbara A. Miller, senior staff associate at the Social Science Education Consortium in Boulder, Colorado (Cebu); and Ms. Annette Boyd Pitts, executive director of the Florida Law Related Education Association, Inc., Tallahassee, Florida (Davao). The lively conference included welcoming remarks by Public Affairs Officer Michael H. Anderson in Manila; Cultural Affairs Officer Phillip R. Ives in Cebu; and Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer Lonnie Kelley, Jr., in Davao. Key-note addresses were by DECS Secretary Bro. Andrew Gonzalez in Manila; CHR chairperson Dr. Aurora Navarrete-Reciña in Cebu; and Far Eastern University President Dr. Edilberto de Jesus in Davao.

Each venue produced a series of recommendations. The Public Affairs Section will publish the papers from the three conference programs and distribute them to participants. If you would like a copy, please contact Ms. Jojie Sophia in our office (523-1001, ext. 2542). We will distribute

them free of charge as long as supplies last.

Civitas is an international organization that aims to promote civil society activities and move civic education forward in different countries by stimulating exchanges of views and bringing together a variety of public and private civil society practitioners to share their experiences on how to promote a responsible citizenry and foster the civic mission of the education system.

CIVITAS PHILIPPINES COMMITTEE

The Civitas Philippines Committee, which helped plan the historic October 5-6 civic education conference, is composed of Ms. Ana Elzy Ofreneo, Director, Human Rights Education and Research Office, CHR; Dr. Paul A. Dumol, Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of Asia and the Pacific; Ms. Nerissa Losaria-Lansangan, Human Resource Management Officer III, DECS; Ms. Paulynn Sicam, Editor, CyberDyaryo; Professor Felice Yeban, Research Center, Philippine Normal University; Ms. Marianita Villariba, co-founder, Education for Life Foundation; Professor Natividad

Crame-Rogers, Saint Scholastica's College; and Professor Shirley Advincula, representing the American Studies Association of the Philippines. Several members of this volunteer, coordinating committee have participated recently in international or Asian Civitas meetings or conferences.

JAPAN CIVITAS SEMINAR

Professor Anastacio Marasigan, Jr., chairperson of the International Studies Department, De La Salle University, participated in the Japan Civitas Seminar titled "Economic Prosperity and Democracy" in Tokyo, Japan, September 27-29, 1999.

- Art Exhibit -

A major exhibit of American Art, organized by the Meridian International Center, and entitled "Outward Bound: American Art at the Brink of the 21st Century" will open on May 11, 2000 at the Metropolitan Museum.

American Studies

AMERICAN STUDIES ARCHIVES

The Manuel S. Enverga University Foundation (MSEUF), the Public Affairs Section and the American Studies Association of the Philippines (ASAP) cosponsored "Challenges of the New Millennium," an American Studies Seminar at the MSEUF Educational Media Resource Center, Lucena, Quezon, November 17, 1999. Welcome remarks were delivered by Atty. Jose S. Laureles, MSEUF president. The presentations included "The Educational Challenges of the New Millennium" by Mr. Phillip R. Ives, the Cultural Affairs Officer, American Embassy; "The Thomas Jefferson Information Center: Information Sources for the New Millennium" by Ms. Eva B. Brillo, Information Resource Center (IRC) Director, American Embassy; and "The American Studies Association of the Philippines and the Challenges of the New Millennium" by Professor Natividad Crame-Rogers, ASAP president.

The Bicol University (BU) Library System sponsored a seminar titled "Books and Libraries: Global Preparedness through Reading" in celebration of National Book Week at Bicol University, Legaspi City, November 24-30, 1999. The program included an exhibit of the Philippine Centennial-related paper show "The U.S. Contribution to Philippine Education." The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Maria



Lutgarda G. Roces, Director, BU Auxiliary Services. Dr. Emiliano A. Aberin, BU president, also spoke. Presentations included "Enhancing Global Preparedness of Libraries through Information Technology" by Ms. Brillo and "Challenges of the Third Millennium to Higher Education" by Mr. Ives.

The Public Affairs Section, the Thomas Jefferson Information Center, the American Studies Resource Center (ASRC) at Central Philippine University, Iloilo City, the

American Studies Association (ASA) of Iloilo, and the Western Visayas College of Science and Technology co-sponsored a lecture-forum and exhibit of "The U.S. Contribution to Philippine Education" at the Western Visayas College of Science and Technology, Iloilo City, December 9, 1999. Welcome remarks were delivered by Dr. Renato V. Alba, college president. Presentations included "The Thomas Jefferson Information Center: American Studies Resources" by Ms. Brillo and "Challenges of the Third Millennium to Higher Education" by Mr. Ives.

The American Studies Association of the Philippines (ASAP) held its annual assembly and conference titled "Revisioning Philippine-American Relations at the Turn of the Century" at the Pulungang Claro M. Recto, University of the Philippines (UP), Diliman, Quezon City, December 3, 1999. UP Chancellor Emerlinda R. Roman delivered welcoming remarks and American Embassy Public Affairs Officer Dr. Michael H. Anderson the keynote address.

The program's presentations included "Hiawatha in the Boondocks: Literary Education and the Imperial Imagination" by Professor Judy Celine A. Ick of the UP Department of English and Comparative Literature; "American Political Studies and the Demon of Comparison" by Professor Patricio N. Abinales of the University of Kyoto; a discussion on "Philippine-American Economic Relations" with American Embassy Economic Counselor Terry A. Breese and Mr. Delfin Bondad, a representative from the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI); "American Studies and Philippine-American Relations" by American Embassy Cultural Affairs Officer Phillip R. Ives; a panel discussion on "Researching American Studies in the Philippines" with UP Professors Anna Melinda T. de Ocampo and Ma. Rhodora G. Ancheta; a panel discussion on "Teaching American Studies in the Philippines" with UP Professor Thelma E. Arambulo, De La Salle University Professor Cherry Escañan, and Ateneo de Manila University Professor Lydia N. Yu-Jose; "Educational Exchange between the Philippines and the United States" by Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF) executive director Dr. Alexander A. Calata; and a panel discussion on "Interactions in the Arts" with UP Professor Cristina P. Hidalgo, UCLA Professor Pearl Rose S. Baluyot and Mowelfund director Mr. Nick Deocampo. Closing remarks were delivered by Dr. Elena R. Mirano, UP Associate Dean for Academic Affairs of the College of Arts and Letters.

The new ASAP board members elected at the conference are: Dr. Thelma Arambulo, University of the Philippines; Dr. Jaime Buzar, Manuel S. Enverga University Foundation; Dr. Guillermo Pesigan, Ateneo de Manila University; Dr. Natividad Crame-Rogers, Saint Scholastica's College; and Dr. Corazon D. Villareal, University of the Philippines.

In Iloilo, members of the American Studies Association of Iloilo elected 11 new board members at a December 9 program at Western Visayas College of Science and Technology. The officers of the board are Dr. Renato V. Alba, President; Dr. Juanito Acanto, Central Philippine University, Vice-President; Dr. Marjorie Caipang, Western Visayas College of Science and Technology, Secretary; and Dr. Yolando Janay, Western Visayas State University. The board of directors is comprised of Dr. Rene Villa Padilla, Dr. Sylvia Cruces, Dr. Josie Villanueva, Dr. Exedito Señeres, Dr. Elma Herradura, Dr. Arturo Jimenez and Dr. Josephine Fernandez.



SUMMER INSTITUTE

The grantees to the 1999 American Studies Summer Institutes in the U.S. were Dr. Carlos Medina, former Vice President for Academic Affairs at Saint Louis University, Baguio City ("History of the U.S.: Religion in America," New York University, June 27-August 8, 1999); Ms. Jessica Zafra, author, columnist and radio/TV show host ("Yale-China Summer Institute," Yale University, July 4-31, 1999); Mr. Anastacio Marasigan, Jr., chairperson of the International Studies Department, De La Salle University ("American Studies," Western Michigan University, June 27-August 6, 1999); and Professors Rhea de Guzman of De La Salle University, Estrella Navarro of the University of San Jose-Recoletos, Cebu City, and Josie Villanueva of Western Visayas College of Science and Technology, Iloilo City (25th Workshop for Asia Pacific Teachers of English, the Center for Asia-Pacific Exchange, Honolulu, August 2-12, 1999).

Fulbright News



1999-2000 FULBRIGHT GRANTS

A total of 37 Fulbright grants for 1999-2000 were awarded by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (BFS) and the Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF) Board. Of the 37 awards, 19 were for Americans and 18 for Filipinos.

U.S. Scholars: Nine of the 19 awards given to Americans were for senior scholars, two of which were for distinguished lecturers funded out of the Fulbright-SyCip Distinguished Lecturing grant. The rest were for students.

The scholars, their fields, institutional affiliations and length of awards follow:

Fulbright-SyCip Distinguished Lecturers: Dr. Stanley Yi Chang, corporate governance/auditing, Arizona State University West/Phoenix, grant at De La Salle University, the University of the Philippines, and professional associations, June 28 - August 15, 1999; Judge Tomson Tio Ong, public administration/financial institution fraud detection, prevention, and prosecution, Municipal Court of California/Pepperdine University/University of Southern California, grant at the Asian Institute of Management, government and private institutions and professional organizations, November 14-28, 1999 and March 5-19, 2000.

Lecturers: Chris W. Eskridge, public administration/criminal justice, University of Nebraska-Omaha, grant at Silliman University, January 5 - June 4, 2000; Rosalina V. Hairston, science education, University of Southern Mississippi at Hattiesburg, grant at the University of the Philippines, Los Baños, January 7, 1999 - July 31, 2000; Paul V. Adams, history, Shippensburg University, grant at the University of San Carlos and Far Eastern University, June 1, 1999 - March 31, 2000; and Wenda R. Trevathan, medical/nutritional anthropology, New Mexico State University, grant at University of San Carlos/Cebu, November 1, 1999 - April 30, 2000.

Lecturer/Researcher: Doreen F. Stabinsky, environmental science/genetics, California State University at Sacramento, grant to lecture in environmental studies at Central Luzon State University and research on patenting of life forms in the Philippines, November 1, 1999 - April 30, 2000.

Researchers: Paul A. Kramer, history, Johns Hopkins University/Baltimore, grant for research on the history of U.S. anthropology in the Philippines during the American colonial period, February 1 - March 31, 2000 at the University of the Philippines, Diliman; Jeffrey A. Milligan, education, Teachers College, University of Nebraska/Lincoln, grant for research on religious differences in public multicultural education in Mindanao, June 7 - September 6, 1999 at the Mindanao State University, Marawi City.

Students: Pearlie Rose Baluyut, University of California/Los Angeles,



research on art patronage and national culture during the Marcos regime, September 19, 1999 - September 18, 2000; Rebecca N. Coke, American University, Washington, DC, research on the effects of global financial shocks on micro-credit in the Philippines, September 20, 1999 - July 19, 2000; Jeffrey J. Dejeo, Fordham University, research on Philippine religion and social justice, June 1, 1999 - March 31, 2000; Michelle Y. Dizon, University of California/Berkeley, research on the history of Philippine-American literary relations, September 1, 1999 - May 31, 2000; Monica E. Eav, Harvard University, research on the cultural response of the Philippines to the era of American colonialism, November 1, 1999 - July 31, 2000; Beverly M. Gerdeman, Ohio State University, research on mites/millipedes in Philippine forests, January 15 - July 31, 2000; Steven C. McKay, University of Wisconsin/Madison, research on labor and flexible production in the Philippines, June 1 -

December 31, 1999; Tricia L. Punsalan, University of Texas/Austin, research on the prevention of measles mortality and the effects of regional health care in the Philippines, September 1, 1999 - February 28, 2000; Mary I. Talusan, University of California/Los Angeles, research on kulintang music in modern Maguindanaoan society, September 22, 1999 - September 21, 2000; and Andrea Yankowski, San Francisco State University, research on the emergence of chiefdom societies in the Philippines, September 1, 1999 - August 31, 2000.

Filipino Scholars: Of the 19 Fulbright grants given to Filipinos, ten were for students, four for visiting researchers, and four for senior scholars. The scholars, their fields and institutional affiliations are:

Students: Anne Marie F. Andrada, Creative Concepts, Inc., MA study grant in communications, University of Kansas; Myrasol G. Bulaong, Marawi State University (Iligan Institute of Technology), MA study grant in chemistry, University of Massachusetts at Amherst; Rea A. Chiongson, The Law Association for Asia and the Pacific (LAWASIA) Human Rights Committee, LLM study grant in international human rights law, Columbia University; Armand S. Mijares, National Museum, MA study grant in archaeology, University of New Mexico; Dickerson C. Moreno, Philippine Science High School, MA study grant in physics, University of Missouri at Columbia; Lorenzo L. Puente, Ateneo de Manila University, doctoral dissertation study grant in literature, Boston College; Florian M. Tarcelo, "Today" newspaper, MA study grant in journalism, Emerson College; Vanessa D. Vargas, GMA Television Network, Inc., MA study grant in communications, University of Kansas; and Vicente B. Yu III, Legal Rights and Natural Resources Center, LLM study grant in international and environmental law, Georgetown University.

FULBRIGHT-CHED GRANTEES

Student: Herbert Glenn P. Reyes, Mindanao Polytechnic State College/Cagayan de Oro, doctoral dissertation research on language teaching, State University of New York at Albany.

Visiting Researchers: Dr. Francisco Aclan, Mindanao Polytechnic State College/Cagayan de Oro, research on agriculture adaptive management, Oregon

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Ambassador Urges More Filipinos to Study in U.S.

The challenge of expanding Filipino-American educational exchange in the new millennium was the focus of U.S. Ambassador Thomas C. Hubbard's November 20, 1999 address to the Yale-Harvard alumni associations' annual dinner in Manila. The Ambassador expressed concern that the number of Filipinos studying in U.S. universities was relatively low compared to those from some Asian neighbors. He said Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand all now send about seven times as many students to the U.S. as the Philippines. He said only 2,801 Filipinos are studying for university degrees in America and, within ASEAN, the Philippines ranks ahead of only

Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam in numbers of students in the U.S.

Ambassador Hubbard urged the alumni associations to consider designating a com-

mittee of members that will commit itself to work with PAEF and the Embassy's Cultural Affairs Office to find practical ways to encourage and assist qualified young Filipinos to study in the United States. "By doing so, you will, in my opinion, have made an

enormous contribution to our bilateral relationship," he said. "You will also have helped many young Filipinos who might not otherwise consider a U.S. higher education. And finally, you will have made a great contribution to the future of this nation, for experience suggests strongly that those who study overseas will come back to be the leaders who will guide the Philippines and its citizens to a prosperous, more egalitarian democracy in the 21st Century."

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--Amb. Thomas Hubbard



PAEF News

NEW FULBRIGHT PROGRAM

The Department of Agriculture (DA) and the Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF) launched a U.S. \$2.7 million annual scholarship program between the Philippines and the U.S. The exchange program will use U.S. Public Law 480, Title 1, Food for Peace funds to develop human resources to help modernize the Philippine agricultural and fisheries sector over the next five years.

Agriculture Secretary Edgardo J. Angara and U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines Thomas C. Hubbard signed a memorandum of agreement during ceremony in the presence of Dr. Edwin Acoba, director of the Agricultural Training Institute, and other DA and PAEF Board representatives December 15, 1999.

The scholarship program will provide grants to qualified Filipinos to pursue degree and non-degree study and training in the U.S. and awards to American academics and specialists to teach, train, conduct research and consult with Philippine higher education institutions, non-governmental organizations and the DA and other government and private organizations working to promote agriculture and fisheries modernization.

Grants will be awarded under the prestigious Fulbright exchange program, administered by PAEF, a commission funded by the U.S. and Philippine governments.

Since the Philippine program began in 1948, some 1,700 Filipinos and 700 Americans have received Fulbright awards. The program, named after its original sponsor, U.S. Senator J. William Fulbright, will be significantly expanded under the new agreement.

Details of how Filipinos can apply for the program have been announced by PAEF. As with all Fulbright programs, awards will be based on open competition and individual merit.

The recruitment of the first batch of Fulbright agricultural scholars from the Philippines will be done up to June 9, 2000. The awardees are expected to be placed in major U.S. institutions to start their pro-

grams in 2001. American scholars are expected in the Philippines in January 2001.

The new agreement launched a five-year exchange program using Title 1 funds. Title 1 is a concessional sales program to promote exports of U.S. agricultural commodities and foster broad-based sustainable development. In the Philippines, commodities are sold by the DA's National Agricultural and Fishery Council (NAFC), and the proceeds are spent on projects to assist agriculture and fisheries.

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Secretary of Agriculture Edgardo Angara (second, left) and U.S. Ambassador Thomas C. Hubbard (second, right), signed an agreement between the Department of Agriculture and the Philippine-American Educational Foundation. U.S. Embassy Counselor for Agricultural Affairs Charles Y. Alexander (left) and U.S. Embassy Counselor for Public Affairs and PAEF Chairman Dr. Michael H. Anderson (right) observe.

Cultural News

ROTARY TEACHERS GRANT

Mr. Ron Nethercutt, retired associate music professor at Southeastern Louisiana University and public radio general manager, has been awarded a Teachers Grant to the Philippines by the Rotary International Foundation. The College of Music of the University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City, has included Professor Nethercutt in its faculty beginning January 2000. Professor Nethercutt will be available to conduct workshops and master classes during school holidays. He has worked in Honduras, Brazil, El Salvador, Guatemala and Belize, and his areas of concentration are wind instruments and music education.

MUSEUM COOPERATION

The American Association of Museums (AAM) has awarded the Negros Museum, Bacolod City, participation in its annual International Partnership Among Museums (IPAM) program. This award will enable the museum to develop exchanges with the New York City Children's Museum of the Arts.

The program provides U.S. and non-U.S. museums worldwide with unique intercultural opportunities to develop and conduct joint or complementary projects. These cooperative projects involve various areas of museum operations such as educational programs, exhibit design, community outreach, conservation, and exhibition development, among others. The collaborative project of the Negros Museum and The New York Children's Museum of the Arts will include an exhibition of children's art and photographs. The exhibition will explore and examine similarities and differences in influence of lifestyles, education, environment, customs and practices. This project is being implemented through the exchange of staff members.

U.S. SPEAKERS BUREAU

The Public Affairs Section of the American Embassy offers a U.S. speakers bureau to interested institutions. The bureau offers a range of U.S. Embassy officials and other Americans based in the Philippines who have volunteered to speak on various topics that address different sectors and issues.

Groups interested in having an American speaker should contact Mr. Jomar Ascaño, Cultural Affairs Office, American Embassy, at 523-1001, extension 2524. There is no charge for use of the bureau.

U.S. EDUCATION PHOTO SHOW

"The American Contribution to Philippine Education," a traveling exhibit developed by USIS, is still available to interested institutions. After its initial mounting at the 1998 Philippine Centennial Expo at Clark in Angeles, Pampanga, commemorating Philippine Independence, the paper show has been exhibited at various universities and colleges throughout the country. More than 600,000 people viewed the exhibit while it was at Expo, and the Philippine Centennial Commission gave an award to USIS for its outstanding contribution to the success of the country's Centennial observances.

A 40-page publication describing the history of American contributions to Philippine education is available at no charge from Ms. Bing Limlingan, telephone 523-1001, extensions 2295 and 2371.

The exhibit chronicles the American contribution to education in the Philippines from the arrival of the Thomasites, the first American classroom teachers, to current, ongoing programs such as the Fulbright scholarships, USAID projects, the Peace Corps Volunteer Program and other U.S.-sponsored educational programs.

INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM

Dr. Filipina Sotto, head of the Marine Biology Section at the University of San Carlos, Cebu City, recently concluded her participation in the Public Affairs Section's International Visitor Program (IVP) on "The Impact of Global Climate Change." The program, which commenced in Washington, D.C., November 17 and concluded in Portland, Oregon December 8, 1999, focused on how U.S. policymakers, representatives of industries, non-government organizations (NGOs) and communities address global climate change problems. Dr. Sotto and other participants from ten countries were given the opportunity to examine the debate and discussion on environmental protection and economic development.

New IVP invitations have been extended to Ms. Maria Corazon Guerrero, Ms. Carina

Agarao, Ms. Rosa Dayo Guzman, Ms. Jennifer Gonzales, Mr. Nandy Vital and Mr. Gene Orejana to visit the United States.

Ms. Guerrero is officer-in-charge of the Supervision and Examination Sector, Department of Commercial Banks at the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas. Her February 13 through March 9, 2000 program focused on "The U.S. Financial System."

Ms. Agarao, head of the NGO Crusade Against Violence, will participate in "Administration of Courts in the United States" March 30 through April 20, 2000.

Ms. Dayao, Committee Secretary of the Committee on Agriculture at the House of Representatives, will participate in the "U.S. Agriculture and the World Economy" program March 16-April 6, 2000.

Mr. Vital, a radio commentator for the Manila Broadcasting Company (DZRH), will participate in a U.S. election-related program, "The 2000 Republican National Convention" July 13-August 5, 2000.

Ms. Gonzales, Senior Media Relations Officer in the Office of the Press Secretary in Malacañang, will participate in the "Print Journalism" program September 21 through October 12, 2000.

Mr. Orejana, the News Manager, Regional Network Group of the ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp., will participate in a U.S. election-related program, "The 2000 Democratic National Convention", July 27-August 19, 2000.

ASSERT

A consortium of English language teaching educators from different universities, led by the Language Education Department at De La Salle University, created the Association of English Research and Teaching in the Philippines (ASSERT-PHIL) during a two-day workshop at Punta Baluarte, Batangas, May 28-29, 1999. ASSERT is open for membership to English teachers and other professionals interested in English language education. The organization is working with TESOL International to become an affiliate in April of the year 2000. ASSERT's executive committee is preparing for the April 27-29, 2000 conference that will launch Phil-TESOL. The theme of the conference will

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be "English Language Education in the New Millennium: Charting Our Course."

Contact Professor Maria Luisa Sadorra or Professor Encarnita Balayon at the Language Education Department, De La Salle University, 524-4611, for more information.

ENGLISH TEACHING FELLOW

Mr. Gerald Gibbons, 1999 English Teaching Fellow, arrived in the Philippines September 1999 under a one-year program administered by the Public Affairs Section and aimed at enhancing the teaching of English in the Philippines. He is assigned to Saint Louis University, Baguio City, where he teaches "Curriculum Development and Materials Preparation for Language Teaching" and "Practicum in Language Teaching."

Mr. Gibbons holds a B.A. in History and Economics from Washington State University and an M.A. in Education from the United States International University (U.S.I.U.), San Diego, California. He is a former TESL specialist in Saudi Arabia.

ELALSA

The Public Affairs Section (PAS) of the American Embassy in Manila sponsored a traveling workshop titled "English Language and American Literature in Southeast Asia" (ELALSA) at De La Salle University September 6-7, 1999 and at Saint Louis University, Baguio City September 9-10, 1999. Resource speakers included Mr. George Scholz, USIS Regional English Language Officer based in Kuala Lumpur; American author Robert Abel; Filipino playwright Professor Isagani Cruz; and former USIS English Teaching Fellow (ETF) Jeffrey Taschner.

The workshop discussed teaching strategies in American literature and the use of the Internet for research on American literature in Southeast Asia. PAS Manila provided each workshop participant complimentary copies of American literature books from its English Teaching Publications.

ENGLISH TEACHING PUBLICATIONS

The Public Affairs Section has more than 60 titles of English teaching materials (publications and audiocassettes) on sale at the Thomas Jefferson Information Center (TJIC), U.S. Embassy Annex Building.

The materials, which are designed to enhance the teaching of English at the beginning, intermediate and advanced levels, are available for review and purchase 9-11 a.m. Mondays through Fridays. Contact Ms. Ruby Martin, English Language Teaching Program Assistant, 523-1001, extension 2538, for more information.

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State University; Dr. Amor Q. de Torres, Xavier University/Cagayan de Oro, research on peace education, George Mason University; Dr. Lina G. Kwong, Xavier University/Cagayan de Oro, research on the environmental applications of electrochemistry, Illinois Institute of Technology; and Dr. Charita A. Luna, Mindanao Polytechnic State College/Cagayan de Oro, research on the use of technology in higher level mathematics instruction, University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

Senior Researchers: Dr. Vivian P. Alberto, Bukidnon State College, research on instruments used for the qualitative and quantitative assessment of learning environments, University of Pennsylvania; Dr. Auxencia A. Limjap, De La Salle

University, research on the individual and social aspects of learning school mathematics, Ohio State University; Dr. Serafin D. Quiason, Eugenio Lopez Foundation, research on the images of the Christianized Filipinos as viewed by the early Americans, various universities and libraries; and Dr. Augusto E. Serrano, Jr., lecturing on aquaculture nutrition at the University of Rhode Island.

FULBRIGHT SYMPOSIUM IN CEBU

The Philippine Fulbright Scholars Association (PFSA), in cooperation with the University of San Carlos and the Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF) sponsored a Fulbright symposium on "Financing Local Government Units" on February 4, 2000. The event was held at University of the Philippines Cebu College in Cebu City.

Speakers were Mario Relampagos, Assistant Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management, former Mayor Tommy Osmeña of Cebu City, and Professor Alex Brillantes of the College of Public Administration, University of the Philippines. The launching of the second volume of the J. William Fulbright Lectures and a reception followed the symposium.

HUBERT H. HUMPHREY BOARD

The new officers and board members of the Hubert H. Humphrey Alumni Association are Mr. Pacifico Maghacot, Jr., president; Ms. Odette P. Abaya, vice-president; Atty. Carolyn Mercado-Gorgonia, secretary; Atty. Ivan John Enrile Uy, treasurer; and Mr. Alan Paul M. Flake, Mr. Albert E. Macalintal, and Ms. Teresa C. Parian, board members.

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1999 Fulbright-Sycip Foundation Distinguished Lecturer Judge Tomson Tio Ong of the Superior Court of California, Long Beach, California, spoke at "Forum on White Collar Crimes" for Court of Appeals Justices, Sandiganbayan Justices and RTC Judges at the Supreme Court of the Philippines November 24, 1999. The event was sponsored by the Supreme Court of the Philippines, the Court of Ap-

peals and the Philippine Judicial Academy in cooperation with the Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF). U.S. Ambassador Thomas C. Hubbard was among the guests.

Judge Ong is adjunct professor at the School of Business, Pepperdine University, and the School of Public Administration, University of Southern California. He was in the Philippines November 14-28, 1999 and returned for two additional weeks in March.

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tion about the United States. You can read more about the new TJIC in an article on page 2. The new TJIC is only one example of how the new Public Affairs Section is changing with the times to take advantage of new technologies. In the last year, too, we also revamped our Embassy Web page to make it more accessible and to provide more information about such things as the visa application process and links to information about the United States and its policies. We hope that if you haven't already, you'll visit the Web site at <http://usembassy.state.gov/manila/> and let us know what you think. You should also feel free to visit our new TJIC.

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and find out about recent and upcoming events and programs organized by the new Public Affairs Section. We would appreciate your feedback on this new publication and on our new TJIC.

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New Aquino Fellows

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"Each heads a non-governmental organization that is making a difference. Each knows the value of organizing and training," the Ambassador noted. "Each has practiced 'people power.' Each values mutual assistance and democracy, and each appreciates and represents the ideals held by the late Senator Aquino."

The Benigno Aquino Fellowships were established by the U.S. Embassy in 1988 to commemorate the late senator's accomplishments in public service and in media.



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